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MEDICAL ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION
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To: Federally Qualified Health
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Managed Care Plans
CSO Administrators
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Subject: Vendor Rate Increase for Interpreter Services at Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs)

Effective with dates of service on or after July 1, 2001, the Medical Assistance Administration (MAA) will implement a legislatively appropriated two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase.

Maximum Allowable Fees

The 2001-2003 Biennium Appropriations Act authorizes this two and one-tenth percent (2.1%) vendor rate increase for MAA fee-for-service programs.

The new maximum allowable fees are for interpreter services performed in FQHCs by certified interpreters who are not reimbursed by the General Administration (GA) contract.

Spoken Language		
Procedure Code	Description of Service	Maximum Allowable
0982M*	Spoken Language Interpreter (Non-GA) (15 minutes = 1 unit)	\$6.05/unit

*0982M may be used by exception only. For information contact Tim Roth at (360) 725-1316, or Nora Guzman-Dyrseth at (360) 725-1313.

Note: Procedure code 0981M was discontinued effective January 1, 2001.
Please refer to Numbered Memorandum 00-77.

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